

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 443 without my signature.

While I applaud the author's interest in student nutrition issues, this bill would have little direct impact on the nutritional value of foods made available to students, by merely codifying in state law activities that the State Board of Education already has the authority to do. I support a more direct approach in impacting student health and nutrition issues in our schools. This is why I have recently signed into law SB 12, SB 965, and SB 281 to eliminate junk food and soda from campuses, and increase the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables available to students. Those important measures will make a more significant impact on improving the quality of food choices available to California students.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill at this time.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger